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SUBJECT: FIVE REASONS TO CHOOSE NATIVEGRASS RELEASES

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The attached document, "*Five Reasons to Choose Native Grass Releases*" details some of the many benefits of using conservation plants developed through the Plant Materials Program. These include performance testing, known area of adaptation, high seed quality, genetically diverse populations, and reduced cost.

A major objective of the Plant Materials Program is to develop plants for conservation use. Newer procedures used in seed source development have increased genetic diversity of native species and at the same time improved disease resistance, seed production and other desirable plant characteristics.

The attached electronic (pdf) format is easier to view on screen and to print. It will be available on our homepage in this format also, under Information about Plants. This document may also be obtained in hard copy from the Plant Materials Center to be used as handouts.

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